(b) the time by which these would be manned?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Sir, an unmanned level crossings is hazardous, if not crossed carefully. There are about 23000 such level crossings on Indian Railways. The initial cost of manning of unmanned level crossing is to be borne by the State Governments. The manning of unmanned level crossings can be taken up if the State Governments can provide necessary funds for meeting the initial costs.

Counting the training period of Railway Traffic Apprentices

1437. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Traffic Apprentices of Indian Railways who were absorbed to continue against Regular Posts on completion of their apprenticeship, have not been given the benefit of counting the period of apprenticeship, for the purpose of date of appointment from the date of joining the training, for earning increments, etc.; and

(b) if so, whether Government would propose to give the same immediately to all so far absorbed in the Railways, without discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) The period of apprenticeship counts for the purpose of increments, minimum service required for further promotion, pensionary benefits, eligibility for privilege passes etc. It is not taken into account for the purpose of seniority as the seniority counts from the date of coming over to a working post after successful completion of the apprenticeship.

भागलपुर के रास्ते से राजधानी एक्सप्रेस का चलाया जाना

1438. **श्री जनार्दन यादव:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार भागलपुर के रास्ते से होकर नई दिल्ली-हावड़ा राजधानी एक्सप्रेस चलाये जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब तक; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी०के० जाफर शरीफ) : (क) जी, नही ।

(ख) प्रश्न नही उठता ।

(ग) यातायात औचित्य की कमी के अलावा परिचालनिक कठिनाइयां और संसाधनों की तंगी ।

Computerised enquiry system about movement of trains

1439. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways is considering to introduce Computerised Global Enquiry System to provide information about time tables and movement of trains; and

(b) if so, by when the same would be made available to the general public?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) A computerised global enquiry system already exists at Bombay Central, Ahmedabad, Baroda, International Tourist Bureau (New Delhi) and the centralised telephone enquiry centre in New Delhi. There is a proposal to introduce this system in Secunderabad and work is in progress for the same.